

SUCH SWEET REVENGE— NOW FOR THE CRUNCH

Wycombe Win Hendon Cliff-Hanger —Look Out Leytonstone

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Hendon 1, Wycombe Wanderers 3

WHAT a great win this was. With Peter Roystone being hurried to hospital to have six stitches in his left knee and the score at one all—Wycombe pulled out all the stops to round off a superlative performance with two goals that mesmerised the Isthmian champions, Hendon.

And there was no luck about it. After being a goal down Wanderers fought back with such resilience that the Amateur Cup Finalists could simply do nothing about it.

Without a shadow of doubt Tuesday's championship win was Wycombe's finest performance this season. It was a wonderful game of hard, fast football with no quarter given — or asked for.

Every single member of the side played his heart out, especially Roystone at inside-right.

He gave absolutely everything he had until, 24 minutes from time he got a badly gashed knee and was taken to hospital.

It had rained heavily all afternoon and the water lay on the surface of Hendon's notorious pitch. But this only spurred Wycombe on to avenge that 2-1 Amateur Cup quarter final defeat.

This win, plus the fact that Leytonstone lost 3-1 to St. Albans, puts the Wanderers back with a fighting chance of the league title. They must boost that chance by beating the Stones when the crunch

comes at Loakes Park tomorrow.

The game began at a fast pace, and Roystone showed up straight away with a long shot that tested Hendon reserve keeper Whiteacre. But Hendon, when they settled down, drew first blood. In the 41st minute Churchill scored after Bradshaw had cleared off the line from Swain.

But a minute before the interval Bates slipped a clever pass through to Horseman who equalised. And before the half-time whistle almost got Wycombe the lead.

The second half went on to be a real tough top of the table battle. And I have not seen better football all season. From stem to stern Wycombe were superb.

It was great stuff!

IN THE LEAD

When Roystone went off, the remaining 10 seemed to gather strength from nowhere, and four minutes later there was Samuels diving forward into the mud to head Wycombe into the lead off a pinpoint pass from Bates.

And then thrill followed thrill until three minutes from time Gale put the non-stop Merrick through, and the lanky left winger clinched the points.

If Wycombe can play like this against leaders Leytonstone tomorrow, the Isthmian title can be theirs.

Wycombe. — J. Maskell; D. Bradshaw, J. Beck; B. Baker, I. Rundle, C. Gale; K. Samuels, P. Roystone, P. Bates, T. Horseman, L. Merrick.

Hendon. — R. Whiteacre; D. Hogwood, M. Cooper; J. Evans, R. Sleaf, B. Cantwell; L. Churchill, R. Dean, D. Swain, D. Hyde, P. Howard.